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Anti-Subversion Law Use Limited by Court

A federal judge yesterday limited the uses to which the attorney general's list of subversive organizations can be put, but found the list constitutional.

U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch ruled that the list could not be used to prove that a member of the Socialist Workers lied in saying on a federal job application that he was not a member of any organization favoring the violent overthrow of the government.

In the case at issue, a postal carrier in California, Duncan Godron, was fired after a year of service on grounds that he had lied on his application. Gordon is a member of the Socialist Workers Party, which says is seeks to bring about socialism in the U.S., but by peaceful means.